

Appl. No. 10/661,367  
Amdt. dated March 30, 2006  
Reply to Office Action of February 8, 2006

Atty. Ref. 81912.0015  
Customer No. 26021

### Remarks/Arguments

Reconsideration of this application is requested.

#### **Claim Status**

Claims 1-10 were presented. Claims 1 and 5 are amended, claims 2 and 6-10 are canceled without prejudice, and new claims 11-13 are added. Thus, claims 1, 3-5 and 11-13 are now pending.

#### **Allowable Subject Matter**

Claim 6, which depends from intervening claim 2 and base claim 1, is indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, claim 1 is rewritten to include all limitations of dependent claims 2 and 6, and dependent claims 2 and 6 are canceled, without prejudice. Accordingly, claim 1 is now in allowable form.

#### **Claim Rejections -- 35 USC 102 and 103**

Claims 1, 3 and 4 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by Aizawa (US 5,013,926). Claims 7-10 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as obvious over Aizawa. Claims 2 and 5 are rejected as obvious over Aizawa in view of Ehalt (US 4,931,656).

The grounds for rejection of claim 1 are moot since claim 1 has been amended into allowable form. Claims 2 and 7-10 are canceled, without prejudice, rendering their rejections moot. Claims 3-5 depend or are amended to depend from allowable claim 1, and are therefore similarly allowable.

#### **New Claims**

New claims 11-13 are added and depend from claims 3 and 4 which, in turn, depend from allowable claim 1. Thus, it is submitted that claims 11-13 are in condition for allowance.

#### **Conclusion**

For these reasons, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance. The examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to resolve any issues that

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remain after entry of this amendment. Any fees due with this response may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-1314.

Respectfully submitted,  
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